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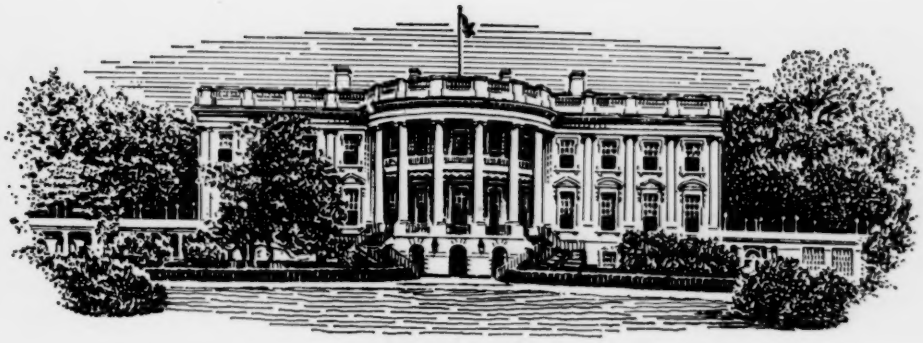

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Chief Justice of the United States

The President's Remarks at the Swearing In of Warren E. Burger. June 23, 1969

Mr. Chief Justice, may it please the Court:

I am honored to appear today, not as President of the United States, but as a member of the bar admitted to practice before this Court.

At this historic moment I am reminded of the fact that while this is the last matter that will be heard by the Chief Justice of the United States, the first matter to be heard by this Court when he became Chief Justice was the occasion when, as Vice President of the United States on October 5, 1953, I moved the admission of Warren Olney III, and Judge Stanley Barnes to be members of this Court.

I have also had another experience at this Court. In 1966, as a member of the bar, I appeared on two occasions before the Supreme Court of the United States. Looking back on those two occasions, I can say, Mr. Chief Justice, that there is only one ordeal which is more challenging than a Presidential press conference, and that is to appear before the Supreme Court of the United States.

On this occasion, it is my privilege to represent the bar in speaking of the work of the Chief Justice and in extending the best wishes of the bar and the Nation to him for the time ahead.

In speaking of that work, I naturally think somewhat in personal terms of the fact that not only is the Chief Justice concluding almost 16 years in his present position, but that today he concludes 52 years of public service to local, State, and national Government—as District Attorney in Alameda County, as Attorney General of the State of California, as Governor of the State of California, the only three-term Governor in the history of that State, as Chief Justice of the United States of America.

The Nation is grateful for that service.

I am also reminded of the fact that the Chief Justice has established a record here in this Court which will be characterized in many ways. In view of the historical allusion that was made in the opinions just read, may I be permitted an historical allusion?

Will Rogers, in commenting upon one of the predecessors of the Chief Justice, Chief Justice William Howard Taft, said that "It is great to be great. It is greater to be human."

I think that comment could well apply to the Chief Justice as we look at his 52 years of service. One who has held high office in this Nation, but one who, in holding that office, always had the humanity which was all-encompassing, the dedication to his family—his personal family, to the great American family, to the family of man.

The Nation is grateful for that example of humanity which the Chief Justice has given to us and to the world.

But as we consider this moment, we also think of the transition which will shortly take place. We think of what it means to America, what it means to our institutions.

Sixteen years have passed since the Chief Justice assumed his present position. These 16 years, without doubt, will be described by historians as years of greater change in America than any in our history.

And that brings us to think of the mystery of government in this country, and for that matter in the world, the secret of how government can survive for free men. And we think of the terms "change" and "continuity." Change without continuity can be anarchy. Change with continuity can mean progress. And continuity without change can mean no progress.

As we look over the history of this Nation, we find that what has brought us where we are has been continuity with change. No institution of the three great institutions of our Government has been more responsible for that continuity with change than the Supreme Court of the United States.

Over the last 16 years there have been great debates in this country. There have been some disagreements even within this Court. But standing above those debates has been the symbol of the Court as represented by the Chief Justice of the United States: fairness, integrity, dignity.

These great and simple attributes are, without question, more important than all of the controversy and the necessary debate that goes on when there is change, change within the continuity which is so important for the progress which we have just described.

To the Chief Justice of the United States, all of us are grateful today that his example, the example of dignity, the example of integrity, the example of fairness, as the chief law official of this country, has helped to keep America on the path of continuity and change, which is so essential for our progress.

When the historians write of this period and the period that follows, some with a superficial view will describe the last 16 years as the "Warren Court" and will describe the Court that follows it as the "Burger Court."

I believe, however, that every member of this Court would agree with me when I say that because of the example of the Chief Justice, a selfless example, a nonselfish example, that this period will be described, not only his but that of his successor, not as the Warren Court, not as the Burger Court, not in personal terms, but in this hallowed moment in this great Chamber, the Supreme Court. It was always that way; may it always be that way. And to the extent that it is, this Nation owes a debt of gratitude to the Chief Justice of the United States for his example.

NOTE: The President spoke at 10:17 a.m. at the Supreme Court. The oath of office was administered by retiring Chief Justice Earl Warren.

Federal Power Commission

Announcement of Intention To Nominate Albert B. Brooke for Reappointment. June 23, 1969

The President today announced his intention to nominate Albert Bushong Brooke of Towson, Md., to be a member of the Federal Power Commission. Brooke was first appointed to the Federal Power Commission October 4, 1968.

Brooke, 48, was graduated from the University of Kentucky in 1947 with an A.B. degree in journalism. He was a reporter and assistant city editor for the Lexington Kentucky Herald from 1946 to 1957 and an account executive with Van Sant, Dugdale and Company in Baltimore in 1957 and 1958. From 1958 to 1968, Brooke was administrative assistant to Senator Thruston B. Morton.

He served in the Army Air Force from 1942 to 1946, leaving the service as a first lieutenant. He is married and has four children.

United States Ambassador to New Zealand

Announcement of Intention To Nominate Kenneth Franzheim of Texas. June 23, 1969

The President today announced his intention to nominate Kenneth Franzheim, of Houston, Tex., as United States Ambassador to New Zealand. Since 1953, Franzheim has been an independent oil operator and an investor, and a member of the Board of Directors of Southern National Bank in Houston. In Wellington, he will succeed Ambassador John F. Henning, who has resigned.

Franzheim attended Yale University (B.A., 1948), and in 1943–44 was with the Army Air Force Training Program at Yale. He was born on September 12, 1925, in New York City.

Engaged in various positions in oil field work between 1948–52, Franzehim was with the Shell Oil Co., Gas Contract Department in 1952–53. He holds memberships in the Houston Chamber of Commerce; Board of Directors of the Houston Symphony; and is a Rice University Associate.

Franzheim is married to the former Barbara Lynn, and they have four daughters: Lorisa, Pamela, Roberta, and Sabina.

Presidential Unit Citation

Announcement of Award to 1st Squadron, 11th Armored Cavalry Regiment, and 1st Platoon, 919th Engineer Company, United States Army. June 23, 1969

The President today awarded the Presidential Unit Citation (Army) to the 1st Squadron, 11th Armored Cavalry Regiment and its attached unit, the 1st Platoon, 919th Engineer Company, United States Army, for extraordinary heroism in action against hostile forces during the period 11 May through 3 June 1968 in the Republic of Vietnam.

The citation follows:

"By virtue of the authority vested in me as President of the United States and as Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces of the United States I have today awarded

THE PRESIDENTIAL UNIT CITATION (ARMY)
FOR EXTRAORDINARY HEROISM
TO THE
1ST SQUADRON, 11TH ARMORED CAVALRY REGIMENT
AND
1ST PLATOON, 919TH ENGINEER COMPANY
UNITED STATES ARMY

The 1st Squadron, 11th Armored Cavalry Regiment and the attached 1st Platoon, 919th Engineer Company distinguished themselves by gallantry in action while engaged in military operations in the Republic of Vietnam during the period 11 May 1968 through 3 June 1968. On 11 and 12 May the 1st Squadron, 11th Armored Cavalry Regiment moved from its security positions in the Long Binh-Bien Hoa complex to an area of operations in Hau Nghia and Binh Duong Provinces where it operated in direct support of the 7th Regiment, 5th Division and 25th Division, Army of the Republic of Vietnam. Their mission was to locate Viet Cong lines of communication, to destroy enemy forces in the area of operations, and to deny the enemy access into Saigon or the Capitol Military District. On 13 May, immediately after arriving in the area of operations, the 1st Squadron, 11th Armored Cavalry Regiment began its search for the elite 9th Viet Cong Division. During the next twenty two days the 1st Squadron fought seven major engagements with elements of this division. In each instance the cavalrymen carried their assault through intense fire from the enemy's carefully prepared, well fortified positions, attacking with grenades and small arms fire in addition to their vehicular mounted weapons. Although the Viet Cong stood determined, fighting on the ground of their own choice, the 1st Squadron penetrated to the center of their defenses, not accepting victory until all resistance was eliminated. Without exception, the numerically superior enemy units were forced to retreat and disperse, becoming totally ineffective during this crucial hostile thrust toward the South Vietnamese capitol. As a result, the Viet Cong 9th Division was unable to move its forces into Saigon or the Capitol Military District, a significant contribution to the allied defeat of the total Viet Cong Phase II offensive. The gallantry, determination and esprit de corps displayed by the men of the 1st Squadron, 11th Armored Cavalry Regiment and the attached 1st Platoon, 919th Engineer Company in their relentless pursuit and destruction of a strong and superior enemy force reflect great credit upon themselves, their units, and the United States Army."

Appalachian Regional Commission

Announcement of Intention To Nominate Orville H. Lerch as Alternate Federal Cochairman. June 23, 1969

The President today announced his intention to nominate Orville H. Lerch of Mechanicsburg, Pa., as Alternate Federal Cochairman of the Appalachian Regional Commission. Lerch succeeds M. L. Clark Tyler who resigned effective June 22, 1969.

Since February 1968, Lerch has served as Deputy Chairman of the Republican State Committee of Pennsylvania. From January 1967 until February 1968, he was Director of the Coal Land Improvement Fund, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

Lerch, 33, is married to the former Lucinda John Abernathy and has two sons, Scott, age 5, and Matthew, age 1. He is a 1957 graduate of Pennsylvania State University, with a B.S. in forestry engineering.

Representative William H. Bates of Massachusetts

Text of the President's Telegram to the Widow of the Late Congressman. June 23, 1969

For the twenty years I have known Bill since he first came to the House, he has been a trusted colleague and a good and loyal friend. His work over those twenty years earned him the gratitude and respect of the men with whom he worked, and the way he went about that work earned him their admiration and friendship. The nation owes him a special debt for his outstanding leadership on the Armed Services Committee. Pat joins me in extending our deepest sympathy.

RICHARD NIXON

NOTE: The telegram was not issued in the form of a White House press release but was posted on the bulletin board in the Press Room at the White House.

The President later designated Secretary of Transportation John A. Volpe and Deputy Assistant to the President for Congressional Relations Kenneth E. BeLieu to be his personal representatives to the funeral of Representative Bates at St. James Church in Salem, Mass.

Meeting With the Minority Leadership

News Briefing by Senator Everett M. Dirksen and Representative Gerald R. Ford Following a Meeting With the President. June 24, 1969

CONGRESSMAN FORD. Good morning. The principal matter that was discussed this morning was the situation involving the surtax in the House of Representatives and also the prospects in the Senate.

The Committee on Ways and Means' Chairman and the ranking Republican are going before the Committee on Rules this morning and asking for a closed rule. The prospects are that a closed rule will be granted and that

the matter will come before the House tomorrow, probably with an allocation of 4 hours general debate and then a vote up or down.

I am confident that the House of Representatives will pass the surtax. We will have 130 or more Republicans. I am confident that with the cooperation of the Democratic leadership, the Speaker, the Democratic Majority Leader, and Majority Whip, there will be more than enough votes to put the surtax through as recommended by the Committee on Ways and Means.

SENATOR DIRKSEN. We discussed the surtax prospects in the Senate, likewise. It is a rather singular thing, but it has been discussed so little, either around the luncheon table in the private dining room or in the cloak rooms, and I presume it will not be discussed very much until the House takes action.

But I feel reasonably confident that there will be a pretty good vote in the House that will have a decided impact on the Senate.

I believe, also, that the inflation issue is having a real psychological impact in the country and that is going to help the cause very materially. So we will get after the problem as soon as the House has acted on it and I am pretty confident that Senator Long will convene the Finance Committee and then we will see where we will go from there. It hardly needs very much attention. I would suggest that one day's hearing would almost be enough and thereafter the Committee could vote.

I thought maybe you might want a little rundown, generally, on what we have in the House. Today we are going to take up the Otepka nomination. Insofar as I know, the only speech that will be made on the subject will be by Senator Young of Ohio.

We will also take up a resolution to expand the authorization for the Food Stamp program. It is noncontroversial. It should offer no difficulty.

There may be one or two other things and then we will get back on Senate Resolution 85 introduced by Senator Fulbright and passed by the Foreign Relations Committee. There will be a substitute for it and insofar as I can tell at the moment that may be introduced by Senator Dodd and Senator Mundt, both of whom are on the Foreign Relations Committee. We have had some sessions on the matter. I have discussed it with Senator Sparkman on the telephone, since he was in Alabama. I discussed it with Senator Cooper. And we discussed it in our Policy Committee last Tuesday. So this is the fruit of those efforts and that language will be offered and, in my judgment, it, of course, is decidedly better.

I made the point on the Senate floor yesterday that obviously the President must be opposed to a resolution of this kind, regardless of the text that you undertake to prepare, largely because it would almost look as if he were sustaining an impairment of his constitutional powers if he undertook to be for it. That, obviously, he cannot do.

Probably one other point needs attention. The danger always in a resolution of this kind, whether Senate Resolution 85 or a substitute, that it is so easy in all areas of the world where they don't know too much about the niceties and balances of Government in our constitutional system, that it could be misinterpreted and it could be misinterpreted at home. But it offers something of a problem for every Member of the Senate in the sense that if you try to put it on the grounds of him embracing his responsibilities in the field of foreign policy as a Senator and then somehow reject the whole idea, that is a rather difficult thing to defend. That was my principal interest in the matter.

Q. Other than the matter of surtax, what else was discussed this morning with the leadership and the President?

CONGRESSMAN FORD. We had a very broad review of the legislative agenda this week and those that are in prospect in the future as far as the House was concerned and much the same as far as the Senate.

Q. Did you discuss the appointment of an Assistant Secretary of HEW?

SENATOR DIRKSEN. No.

Q. Senator, would you oppose Dr. John Knowles?

SENATOR DIRKSEN. Well, now, I said weeks ago that I am not disposed to discuss the matter. I said at an informal press conference on the Senate floor yesterday, in response to all the questions, that I do not discuss it, period. That is it.

Q. Senator, on the surtax, how soon do you think it will come to a vote in the Senate?

SENATOR DIRKSEN. That I can't say. You have to adopt a rule. Then they have to act on the bill. There may be 4 hours on the rule, I should say. I hope we don't take too much time in the Senate Finance Committee.

Once it is reported, of course, you can give it a clear course and get action on the floor without undue delay.

Q. Senator, what is the outlook on the ABM?

SENATOR DIRKSEN. Well, of course, I am very hopeful about the ABM. I think, as you look, of course, at the polls that have been taken among the public and how they feel, that that is beginning to have its impact here. I have no doubt that when the time comes we, of course, will certainly be topside. The question now is how soon can you get to it. That involves the Agricultural Appropriations bill. It was marked up yesterday and the full Committee will mark up tomorrow.

Now, some Members don't want it to come up before the 4th of July because they will be out of town. So it offers a bit of a problem.

On the other hand, to devote too much time to it after we return on July 7th would not be quite the thing to do in the sense that one of the Senators—and perhaps I had better not metnion his name—had planned to go out to Kwajalein and they talked him out of it on the ground that this ABM matter might come up immediately after we returned from the July recess.

CONGRESSMAN FORD. On the ABM, I think it is rather interesting that the authorization bill for the Atomic Energy Commission is scheduled for consideration on the floor of the House today. It was scheduled for yesterday, but was deferred because of Congressman Bates' death. But in this authorization bill for the Atomic Energy Commission, there is approximately $130—some million related to the ABM. It is almost unbelievable, but the opponents of the ABM will not rise up and challenge this authorization in the House of Representatives.

We would rather welcome their bringing the issue up on the floor of the House, but they seem most reluctant, which is an indication to me that they know that the ABM, as recommended by the President, will be overwhelmingly approved in the House of Representatives. I guess they would rather take their chances in the Senate, but I think they will be beaten there, too.

Q. Have you been informed of any delay in the administration's welfare proposals?

SENATOR DIRKSEN. No.

CONGRESSMAN FORD. I know of no delay.

Q. Did you discuss any upcoming messages this morning?

SENATOR DIRKSEN. No.

Q. Senator Dirksen, do you see any substantial possibility that the surtax will be completed by the Senate by June 30th?

SENATOR DIRKSEN. That is rather doubtful, I must confess.

Q. Then in the event that it were not completed, how will the matter be disposed of?

SENATOR DIRKSEN. We will have to be thinking in the general domain of some continuing resolutions.

Q. Jerry, since the Senator's lips are sealed on the Knowles matter, can you tell us whether or not the matter was discussed this morning?

CONGRESSMAN FORD. The matter was not discussed this morning in the meeting with the President.

Q. This morning the President went on a helicopter tour of the Washington area. Were the traffic problems of the Washington area discussed and did the President have any comments?

CONGRESSMAN FORD. After the meeting broke up, the President talked about his trip by helicopter. I think an effort is going to be made by Secretary of Transportation Volpe to try and break the logjam. He has been working on it and I think he is going to pursue these efforts more in the next day or two.

I hope we can end up with a coordinated freeway and subway system. This is the kind of solution that is needed to meet the ever-growing traffic problems in the metropolitan area of the District of Columbia.

Q. Did you get into Vietnam at all?

CONGRESSMAN FORD. None whatsoever.

Q. Was there any report on when the Administration will come up with its Voting Rights proposal?

CONGRESSMAN FORD. That matter was not discussed.

Reporter: Thank you.

NOTE: Senator Dirksen and Representative Ford met with reporters at 9:50 a.m. in the Roosevelt Room at the White House.

Special Assistant to the President for the Aging

Announcement of Intention To Appoint John B. Martin, Jr. June 24, 1969

The President today announced his intention to appoint John B. Martin, Jr. of Grand Rapids, Michigan, as Special Assistant to the President for the Aging. He is the Commissioner of the Administration on Aging in the Department of Health, Education, and Welfare.

Martin, 59, was graduated from Dartmouth College in 1931 and attended Oxford as a Rhodes Scholar in 1933. He was graduated from the University of Michigan Law School in 1936.

Martin was the Acting Director of the Office of Civil Defense from 1942 to 1944. He then served in the U.S. Navy until 1946, attaining the rank of Lieutenant Commander.

In 1948, he was elected to the Michigan State Senate and was elected State Auditor in 1950, a position he held until 1954. In 1955, he reentered the practice of law in Grand Rapids.

In 1959–1960, Martin was the chairman of the Grand Rapids Coordinating Council on Aging. He served as a member of the National Planning Advisory Committee for the White House Conference on Aging, held in January of 1961. In addition, he chaired the session on Populations Trends: Social and Economic Implicators.

Martin is married to the former Helen Hickam and they have three children.

United States Ambassador to Paraguay

Announcement of Intention To Nominate John Raymond Ylitalo of South Dakota. June 25, 1969

The President today announced his intention to nominate John Raymond Ylitalo, of Mobridge, S. Dak., a career Foreign Service Officer of Class I, as United States Ambassador to the Republic of Paraguay. Ylitalo has served since 1968 as Principal Officer, Tijuana. In Asuncion, he will succeed Ambassador Benigno C. Hernandez, who has resigned after serving there since June, 1967.

Born on December 25, 1916, in Floodwood, Minn., Ylitalo attended St. Olaf College (B.A., 1937); Northwestern University (M.B.A., 1938) and the University of Minnesota (1939, summer).

Ylitalo's overseas assignments have included: Chief of Political Section, Helsinki (1946–50); Deputy Principal Officer, Munich (1954–58); Consul General (1959–60), then (1960–62) Counselor of Embassy for Consular Affairs, Manila. Home tours have included: Special Assistant, Bureau of Security and Consular Affairs (1950–53, with detail to Helsinki 1952 as Olympic Games Officer); Assistant Chief of Aviation Division, Office of Transport and Communication (1962–63); Deputy Director (1963–65), then Director, Visa Office (1965–68).

Ylitalo is married to the former Jean Sarchet, and they have a son and three daughters.

Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development

Announcement of Intention To Nominate Joseph Adolph Greenwald as United States Representative. June 25, 1969

The President today announced his intention to nominate Joseph Adolph Greenwald, of Chicago, Ill., a career Foreign Service Officer of Class 1, as United States Representative to the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development in Paris, with the personal rank of Ambassador.

Greenwald has served, since earlier this year, as Acting Assistant Secretary of State for Economic Affairs. In Paris, he will succeed Ambassador Philip H. Trezise who has been nominated as Assistant Secretary of State for Economic Affairs.

Born in Chicago, Ill., on September 18, 1918, Greenwald attended the University of Chicago (B.A., 1941) and Georgetown University Law School (LL.B., 1951). He is a member of the District of Columbia bar. He served with the U.S. Navy and the U.S. Maritime Service.

Greenwald came to the Department of State in 1947 as an Economist (in the International Resources Division, then the Division of Commercial Policy), and he served in Washington until 1952 when he was assigned to Geneva as the U.S. Representative to the Economic Commission for Europe. In 1955, he returned to the Department as an International Economist until assigned to London in 1958 as First Secretary.

Greenwald returned to the Department in 1963 as Director, Office of International Trade, Bureau of Economic Affairs; from 1965 to earlier this year, he served as Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for International Trade Policy and Economic Defense, before becoming Acting Assistant Secretary of State for Economic Affairs. During this period, he served as U.S. Representative to a number of GATT and OECD meetings and headed the U.S. delegation to the Second United Nations Conference on Trade and Development held in New Delhi in 1968.

Greenwald is married to the former Mary Virginia Doyle, and they have two sons and a daughter.

Disaster Relief to North Dakota

Announcement of Allocation of Additional Funds for Relief and Recovery Work Following Spring Floods. June 25, 1969

The President today allocated to North Dakota an additional $900,000 in disaster relief funds for relief and recovery work performed after widespread flooding this spring.

Today's allocation follows a Presidential major disaster declaration for the State on April 18 and initial and subsequent allocations totaling $1.5 million. The $2.4 million may be used for disaster assistance including repair or replacement of damaged or destroyed public property, as provided by the Federal Disaster Act (Public Law 81–875).

In signing today's authorization, the President was acting at the request of Governor William L. Guy who declared that additional Federal assistance was needed as a result of the disaster.

The funds authorized today and in earlier allocations are being administered by the President's Office of Emergency Preparedness which is charged with marshaling Federal response to major disasters.

Alaska Communication System

Announcement of Sale to RCA Global Communications and of Telephone Exchange at Healy, Alaska, to the Matanuska Telephone Association. June 25, 1969

The President today approved the sale of the Air Force operated Alaska Communication System to RCA Global Communications. This system provides the long distance telephone and telegraph service for the general public in Alaska. It has been operated for the people of Alaska by our defense establishment since the first military telegraph line to Alaska was surveyed in 1901 by General, then Lieutenant, Billy Mitchell.

The President today notified the Alaskan Congressional delegation and Governor Keith Miller of Alaska of this decision. Senator Theodore Stevens, Senator Mike Gravel, and Congressman Howard Pollock have maintained a deep and active interest throughout this evaluation and sale. State officials designated by Governor Miller of

Alaska have worked closely with the Air Force throughout the evaluation of offers. Thus, in reaching the decision announced today, the President has had the full assistance and advice of Governor Miller.

The price to be paid to the Federal Government by RCA is about $28,430,000. This amount will be adjusted to repay the Government for all ACS improvements made by the Government before the actual transfer date—which will be about a year from now. The Air Force will also sell a local telephone exchange at Healy, Alaska, to the Matanuska Telephone Association, a local telephone company, for just over $5,000. This sale plan was worked out by the Air Force and the State of Alaska.

In addition to requiring bidders to pay the current fair value for any Government property they wanted to buy, the bidders were to specify how much they would spend for capital improvements in the first 3 years of operations, and what rate reductions they would make.

Matanuska has guaranteed to expend $167,000 on improvements at Healy.

RCA has guaranteed to expend $27,683,000 on system improvements including:

1. Direct Distance Dialing beginning in 1970 and extending statewide by mid-1971.

2. New telephone service to 124 small communities which now have no service or have only "bush phone" radio service.

3. A new wideband microwave system connecting the major population areas of Alaska with the planned COMSAT earth station at Talkeetna, Alaska. The system would be capable of television transmission.

RCA has also offered to reduce rates by over 29 percent, which will save the people of Alaska $40 million over the first 3 years of RCA operation when compared to the present rates. This will include a new one-dollar-after-midnight rate.

House of Representatives "Gymnasium Dinner"

Remarks by the President and Representative Carl Albert at a Dinner in the Longworth House Office Building. June 25, 1969

REPRESENTATIVE CARL ALBERT. We are honored tonight to have the President of the United States here.

I am personally honored to present our former colleague, the President of the United States.

THE PRESIDENT. Thank you.

I want to tell you how much I have enjoyed this brief visit to the gymnasium party. It always makes me realize how much time has passed when I come to such a party as this and then start to reminisce about the "old days."

I remember first coming to the House Gym in 1947 and the fellow then who was the meanest guy in paddleball—he was the guy whom you always wanted with you—was Tiger Teague. I am still sore, believe me.

Tiger, let me ask you, do you still hit other people as much as the ball?

Well, I also, of course, think back to those days when all of the other great stars in the House were playing there. I used to play quite regularly. I don't take exercise any more but I took enough then to bank it for all the time now.

In a very serious vein, I am just delighted that the House has had the good sense and the Senate has had the good sense to have adequate facilities here in the gymnasium. I understand you even have a swimming pool. Sometime I will bring my surfboard down and try it.

As you probably have read, or you might have read, I like to go to Florida now and then and sometimes to California and I particularly like salt water rather than fresh water.

But when I come to a party like this and see the good fellowship—Republicans and Democrats having a good time—I realize that looking back on those House years—and I was in the House for 4 years—that they were really very great years.

I just hope, as I particularly talk to the younger men here, I mean the very new men, young in the sense of being here one term or two terms, that they will remember that these are the best years of their lives, because there is a certain comradeship in the House that you will never have in any other organization and there is a place where you will feel it more than any place else and that is in the gymnasium—and I don't mean just here.

Also, I would like to say that I trust that as you do exercise between now and next Monday, and also as you enjoy this good food—and I address this remark, of course, only to the Republicans—please keep enough strength that if we need your votes you can walk down to the well of the House and vote.

Thank you very much.

NOTE: The President spoke at approximately 6:50 p.m. in the Cafeteria at the Longworth House Office Building.

Saint Lawrence Seaway Development Corporation

Announcement of Intention To Nominate David W. Oberlin as Administrator. June 26, 1969

The President today announced his intention to nominate David W. Oberlin, of Duluth, Minn., as Administrator of the Saint Lawrence Seaway Development Corporation. Oberlin has been Director of the Seaway Port Authority of Duluth since 1967. He succeeds Joseph H. McCann.

The Administrator is the chief management officer of the Corporation which is charged with the responsibility of constructing the United States part of the Seaway between Lake Ontario and St. Regis, New York. The Corporation coordinates its activities with the Saint Lawrence Seaway Authority of Canada, the Power Authority of the State of New York and the Hydro-Electric Power Commission of Ontario, Canada.

Oberlin was born in Atchinson, Kans., on January 6, 1920. He is a graduate of the University of Michigan with a B.S. degree in engineering.

He is a Director of the American Association of Port Authorities and of the International Association of Port Authorities. He is a member of the National Defense Executive Reserve and was recently named to the Upper Midwest Regional Export Expansion Council.

Before he became Port Director at Duluth, Oberlin was Assistant Secretary and fiscal officer for the Toledo-Lucas County Port Authority in Toledo, Ohio.

During World War II, Oberlin served in the U.S. Submarine Service and was awarded the Silver Star. He is a commander in the Naval Reserve and was recalled to active service during the Korean conflict.

He is married and has four children.

Mississippi River Commission

Announcement of Intention To Nominate Brig. Gen. Willard Roper, USA, as a Member. June 26, 1969

The President today announced his intention to nominate Brig. Gen. Willard Roper, United States Army, to be a member of the Mississippi River Commission. He will replace Maj. Gen. Clarence C. Haug, who will retire July 31, 1969.

General Roper is presently serving as Division Engineer, Ohio River Division, United States Army, at Cincinnati, Ohio. He served in Vietnam from October 1967 to October 1968 as Brigade Commander, 18th Engineer Brigade.

The Mississippi River Commission directs the study and plans activities which will correct and deepen the channel and protect the banks of the Mississippi River, as well as improve navigation, prevent flooding, and promote commercial trade.

The Commission has seven members: three civilians, three members representing the Army Corps of Engineers, and one member representing the Environmental Science Services Administration.

The civilian members of the Commission are: Harold T. Council, Frederic H. Kellogg, and Roy T. Sessums. Representing the Corps of Engineers are Maj. Gen. Andrew P. Rollins, Jr., President, and Brig. Gen. C. Craig Cannon, as well as General Roper. Rear Adm. Don A. Jones represents the Environmental Science Services Administration.

A 1938 graduate of MIT, with a B.S. in business and engineering, Roper has, in addition, completed one-year courses at the U.S. Army Command and General Staff College (1950), Army War College (1958), and the Industrial College of the Armed Forces (1963). He is the recipient of the ARCOM (1960), Bronze Star (1945), Legion of Merit (1966), and the Legion of Merit–IOLC (1967).

General Roper, 53, is married and he has one child.

Board of Foreign Scholarships

Announcement of Intention To Appoint John Dolibois as a Member. June 26, 1969

The President today announced his intention to appoint John Dolibois of Oxford, Ohio, to be a member of the Board of Foreign Scholarships. Mr. Dolibois succeeds Jack Valenti, who resigned effective May 21. Mr. Dolibois will complete Mr. Valenti's term, which expires September 22, 1969.

A graduate of Miami University, Oxford, Ohio, Dolibois has been employed by the University since 1947. Most recently, he has served as vice president for development and alumni affairs.

During the Second World War, Dolibois served in the United States Army, attaining the rank of captain. He speaks fluent German and was an interrogator of leading Nazi war criminals at Nuremberg.

Dolibois, 50, is married and has 3 sons.

Presidential Unit Citation

Announcement of Award to 903d Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron, Pacific Air Forces. June 26, 1969

The President today awarded the Presidential Unit Citation to the 903d Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron, United States Air Force, for extraordinary heroism in connection with military operations against an opposing armed force in Southeast Asia, from 1 November 1967 to 29 February 1968.

The citation credited the members of the squadron with the aeromedical evacuation of 33,435 patients during the period, despite adverse weather conditions and intense enemy ground fire. Over 10,000 of these patients

were received, treated, and evacuated in a 30-day period during the Tet offensive.

The extraordinary heroism and professional competence demonstrated by members of this squadron have resulted in the saving of hundreds of lives.

The citation follows:

"By virtue of the authority vested in me as President of the United States and as Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces of the United States I have today awarded

THE PRESIDENTIAL UNIT CITATION (AIR FORCE)
FOR EXTRAORDINARY HEROISM
TO THE
903D AEROMEDICAL EVACUATION SQUADRON
UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

"The 903d Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron, Pacific Air Forces, distinguished itself by extraordinary heroism in connection with military operations against an opposing armed force in Southeast Asia, from 1 November 1967 to 29 February 1968. During this period, members of the 903d Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron aeromedically evacuated 33,435 patients despite adverse weather conditions and intense hostile ground fire. Mobile casualty staging units were deployed in support of battles at Dak To and Khe Sanh, and aeromedical teams assigned to these units worked untiringly in receiving, treating, and evacuating casualties. Despite hostile attacks, the 903d Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron, operating at various locations throughout the Republic of Vietnam, successfully accomplished its mission by evacuating over 10,000 patients during the thirty days of the TET offensive. The dedication, outstanding professionalism, and extraordinary heroism shown by members of the 903d Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron are in keeping with the finest traditions of the military service and reflect the highest credit upon themselves and the Armed Forces of the United States."

Saint Lawrence Seaway Development Corporation

Announcement of Intention To Nominate Five Members to the Advisory Board. June 26, 1969

The President today announced his intention to nominate five members to the Saint Lawrence Seaway Development Corporation Advisory Board.

The Advisory Board was established to review the general policies of the Corporation, and is required to advise the Administrator.

Those named by the President are:

JACOB L. BERNHEIM, 49, of Milwaukee, Wis., a partner in the law firm of Michael, Best and Fredrich, in Milwaukee. Bernheim, who was born in Germany, came to the United States in 1937. He served in the U.S. Army as a Captain in the Signal Corps. He is a specialist in labor relations law and in maritime law. He was graduated from the University of Wisconsin Law School in 1949.

DR. FOSTER S. BROWN, 60, of Canton, N.Y., President Emeritus of St. Lawrence University at Canton. Dr. Brown was President of State University Teachers College at Oswego, New York, from 1952 until 1963 when he became President of Saint Lawrence University. Dr. Brown received a B.S. degree in 1930 and an M.A. degree in 1933 from Saint Lawrence University.

WILLIAM W. KNIGHT, JR., 63, of Toledo, Ohio, chairman of the Board of the Toledo-Lucas County Port Authority. Mr. Knight was appointed a member of the Great Lakes Commission in 1964. In 1966, he was awarded the Royal Order of Vasa by the King of Sweden for his promotion of Import-Export relations between the United States and Europe. Knight was president and general manager of the Plascom Division of the Libbey-Owens-Ford Glass Company from 1947 to 1953.

MILES F. MCKEE, 57, of Grosse Pointe, Mich., a member of the Advisory Board who has served since September, 1966. McKee is Vice President of Wisconsin and Michigan Steamship Company of Detroit. McKee received his B.S. degree in business administration from the University of Pennsylvania in 1931 and his LL.B. degree from the Detroit College of Law in 1937.

JOSEPH N. THOMAS, 40, of Gary, Ind., chairman of the Indiana Port Commission. Thomas is a member of the law firm of Thomas, Thomas, Burke and Richardson in Gary. He was graduated from the University of Indiana with a B.S. degree in 1951 and from the Harvard Law School, with an LL.B. degree in 1954.

Agency for International Development

Announcement of Intention To Nominate Roderic L. O'Connor as Assistant Administrator for East Asia. June 26, 1969

The President today announced his intention to nominate Roderic L. O'Connor, of New Jersey, to be an Assistant Administrator for East Asia of the Agency for International Development. He will succeed John C. Bullitt, who resigned effective May 2d.

A former Special Assistant to Secretary of State John Foster Dulles, O'Connor has most recently been employed as vice president and member of the board of directors and management committee, CIBA Corporation. O'Connor also served under Dulles as Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for Congressional Relations (1956–1957) and as Assistant Secretary of State for Security and Consular Affairs (1957–1958).

O'Connor, 48, has a B.A. and LL.B. from Yale University, completing his studies in 1947. He lives in Far Hills, N.J., with his wife, the former Ingrid Hjordis Brita Ellgar, and two children, Michael (10) and Christina (8).

Digest of Other White House Announcements

Following is a listing of items of general interest which were announced to the press during the period covered by this issue but which are not carried elsewhere in the issue. Appointments requiring Senate approval are not included since they appear in the list of nominations submitted to the Senate, below.

June 21

Gardiner Baron Casey, former Governor General of Australia, paid a courtesy call on the President.

June 23

Nagla Hilmi, 14, of the United Arab Republic, visited with the President at the White House. Her father was pilot for the President during his visit to Egypt in 1965.

The President met at the White House with the following officials of the New York Stock Exchange: Bernard Lasker, Chairman of the Board of Governors; Ralph DeNunzio, Vice Chairman of the Board; and Robert W. Haack, President of the Exchange.

June 24

The President, accompanied by Secretary of Transportation Volpe, Thomas W. Fletcher, Deputy Mayor of the District of Columbia, and Gilbert Hahn, Chairman of the District of Columbia Council, toured the Washington area by helicopter to observe morning rush-hour traffic problems.

Cecilia O'Neil, president of the National Retired Teachers Association, George W. Schluderberg, president of the American Association of Retired Persons, and Cyril F. Brickfield, executive director of the two associations, met with the President at the White House.

The President has accepted the resignation of Elbert G. Mathews as United States Ambassador to Nigeria.

Leonard Story Zartman, Special Assistant to the President, is resigning from the White House Staff to become General Counsel of the Small Business Administration.

June 26

Representatives of the Coast Guard Auxiliary presented the President with the Auxiliary's first 1969 Seal of Safety.

The President has designated Postmaster General Winton M. Blount as a member of the President's Committee on the Vietnam Veteran.

June 27

Golfer Billy Casper called on the President at the White House.

NOMINATIONS SUBMITTED TO THE SENATE [1]

Submitted June 23, 1969

ALBERT BUSHONG BROOKE, JR., of Maryland, to be a member of the Federal Power Commission for the term of 5 years expiring June 22, 1974. (Reappointment)

W. BYRON SORRELL, of Maryland, to be an Associate Judge of the District of Columbia Court of General Sessions for the term of 10 years vice a new position created under P.L. 90-579.

EUGENE A. WRIGHT, of Washington, to be United States Circuit Judge, Ninth Circuit vice a new position created under P.L. 90-347 approved June 18, 1968.

ROBERT G. WAGNER, of Ohio, to be United States Marshal for the Northern District of Ohio for the term of 4 years vice R. Ben Hosler.

VICE ADMIRAL KLEBER S. MASTERSON, U.S. Navy, and REAR ADMIRAL ROBERT J. STROH, U.S. Navy, for appointment to the grade of vice admiral when retired, pursuant to Title 10, United States Code, Section 5233.

WILLIAM DAVID MCELROY, of Maryland, to be Director of the National Science Foundation for a term of 6 years, vice Leland J. Haworth.

LUTHER I. REPLOGLE, of Illinois, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to Iceland.

KENNETH RUSH, of New York, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Federal Republic of Germany.

J. FIFE SYMINGTON, JR., of Maryland, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to Trinidad and Tobago.

SAMUEL Z. WESTERFIELD, JR., of the District of Columbia, a Foreign Service Officer of Class one, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to Liberia.

[1] Does not include promotions of members of the Uniformed Services, nominations to the Service Academies, or nominations of Foreign Service Officers.

NOMINATIONS SUBMITTED TO THE SENATE—Continued

Submitted June 24, 1969

LUTHER HOLCOMB, of Texas, to be a Member of the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission for the term expiring July 1, 1974. (Reappointment)

ORVILLE H. LERCH, of Pennsylvania, to be Alternate Federal Cochairman of the Appalachian Regional Commission.

GEORGE H. GOODRICH, of Maryland, to be an Associate Judge of the District of Columbia Court of General Sessions for the term of 10 years to fill a new position created by P.L. 90-579, effective October 17, 1968.

WILLIAM S. THOMPSON, of the District of Columbia, to be an Associate Judge of the District of Columbia Court of General Sessions for the term of 10 years vice Andrew J. Howard, Jr., deceased.

BETHEL B. LAREY, of Arkansas, to be United States Attorney for the Western District of Arkansas for the term of 4 years vice Charles M. Conway, resigned.

Submitted June 25, 1969

NICHOLAS COSTANZO, of New York, to be Superintendent of the United States Assay Office at New York, New York.

Submitted June 26, 1969

JOSEPH A. GREENWALD, of Illinois, a Foreign Service Officer of Class one, to be the Representative of the United States of America to the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development.

OZELL M. TRASK, of Arizona, to be United States Circuit Judge, Ninth Circuit vice a new position created under P.L. 90-347, approved June 18, 1968.

Submitted June 27, 1969

RODERIC L. O'CONNOR, of New Jersey, to be an Assistant Administrator of the Agency for International Development.

DAVID W. OBERLIN, of Minnesota, to be Administrator of the Saint Lawrence Seaway Development Corporation vice Joseph H. McCann, resigned.

NOMINATIONS SUBMITTED TO THE SENATE—Continued

Submitted June 27, 1969—Continued

BRIG. GEN. WILLARD ROPER, United States Army, to be a member of the Mississippi River Commission under the provision of section 2 of an Act of Congress, approved 28 June, 1879, (21 Stat. 37; 33 U.S.C. 642), vice Maj. Gen. Clarence C. Haug who is retiring on 31 July 1969.

ACTS APPROVED BY THE PRESIDENT

Approved June 18, 1969

H.R. 3480 ---------- Private Law 91-12
An Act for the relief of the New Bedford Storage Warehouse Company.

Approved June 23, 1969

H.R. 4622 ---------- Public Law 91-32
An Act to amend section 110 of title 38, United States Code, to insure preservation of all disability compensation evaluations in effect for twenty or more years.

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Listed below are releases of the Office of the White House Press Secretary during the period covered by this issue which have not been included in the issue.

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Announcement of intention to nominate Eugene A. Wright, of Seattle, Washington, to be a United States Circuit Judge for the Ninth Circuit.

Released June 24, 1969

Press conference of John A. Volpe, Secretary of Transportation following the President's helicopter trip observing rush hour traffic.

Released June 25, 1969

Announcement of intention to nominate Ozell M. Trask, of Phoenix, Arizona, to be a United States Circuit Judge for the Ninth Circuit.

Editor's Note

Note Concerning the Closing Time of This Issue

The President left the White House at 11:05 a.m. on Friday, June 27, for Massena, N.Y., where he and Prime Minister Trudeau of Canada were to participate in ceremonies commemorating the 10th Anniversary of the opening of the Saint Lawrence Seaway, following which they were to visit the site of "Man and His World" in Montreal.

Releases issued subsequent to his departure from Washington will be published in next week's issue.

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